

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the continued release of treated wastewater into a water body in Frederick County, Virginia.

First Public Notice Issue Date: (to be supplied by newspaper)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 30 days following first public notice issue date

PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater (VA0065552) issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: Frederick-Winchester Service Authority; PO Box 43, Winchester, VA 22604

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Opequon Water Reclamation Facility; 3100 Berryville Pike, Winchester, VA 22603

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Frederick-Winchester Service Authority has applied for reissuance of the referenced permit. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 12.6 million gallons per day into Opequon Creek in Frederick County in the Upper Opequon Creek watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, solids, chlorine, bacteria, ammonia, dissolved oxygen, pH, nutrients, and toxicity. Sludge from the treatment process will be dried and hauled to the Frederick County Regional Landfill for disposal.

This facility is subject to the requirements of 9 VAC 25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Virginia (WGP). This facility is registered for coverage under the WGP with other facilities under common ownership or operation in the Potomac-Shenandoah watershed. The Frederick-Winchester Service Authority will address load increases associated with new or expanded discharges from this facility by managing the aggregate delivered load discharged from all of the facilities under common ownership or operation in the Potomac-Shenandoah watershed.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

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The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above.